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1. An engineering battalion (unit designation unknown) was stationed in Peshtera from 1945 to 1948. In 1948 this unit was transferred to Kurdzhali and replaced by a trudovak unit.
2. Sometime during early May 1951 the light mountain artillery regiment was transferred from Shumen to Peshtera and quartered in the city garrison. The regiment was to be in a summer tent encampment at Chatal Oluk, two kilometers west of Peshtera.
3. As soon as the regiment arrived, their guns, which were wrapped in oil cloth covers, were taken into the barracks without being unwrapped. This was at night.
4. In the same barracks with this regiment there were also about 250 officers of different ranks who had come from various units to Shumen for a 45-day training course. The first group of officers left and a second arrived before the end of June 1951.

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